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SUBJECT: GOP HAS NO RECORD OF DPRK FLAG OF CONVENIENCE SHIPS

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Classified By: Econ Chief Timothy P. Lattimer - Reasons 1.5(b and d)

11. (S) Fernando Solorzano, Director of the Panamanian Maritime Authority's (AMP) Merchant Marine Office, advised Econ Chief on May 8 that, based on reftel information, the AMP has no record of any North Korean flagged ships associated with Panama. He said that, as Panama does not maintain a merchant marine consulate in North Korea, the AMP is unlikely involved with any DPRK ship registrations. As a general rule, Solorzano said the GOP restricts the ship registration pursuant to directives issued by the UN, as well as for fishing vessels pursuant to relevant sanctions imposed by other international organizations.

12. (S) Solorzano suggested that the AMP could do a more thorough records check if we provide him with more detailed information, such as clearer names and/or radio callsigns for the eleven ships in question. Post stands ready to follow-up with the AMP should the Department provide any further details.
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